**Protections to National Parks and Sanctuaries under Wild life Act**

1251. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the Wildlife Act, protections are being accorded to national parks and sanctuaries; and

(b) if so, the reasons due to which the Act is not being extended to forest notified as tiger reserve?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Madam. Protection under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 is provided not only to National Parks and Sanctuaries but to Tiger Reserves, Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves also all over the country except the State of Jammu & Kashmir which has its own Act on the lines of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

(b) Does not arise.

**HIV cases in the country**

†1252. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of HIV positive and AIDS in the country as on 30th June, 2006;

(b) the number of such cases which came to notice during the years of 2004, 2005 and 2006 alongwith details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the locations in the country where treatment facility for such diseases is available; and

(d) the region in the country which have higher incidences of such diseases and the measures taken for paying special attention to these regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) As on 30th June 2006, 124,366 AIDS cases were reported. The State-wise details for the last three years is at Statement-I. (*See* below)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.